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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 1995, at 12 noon.

## Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, May 15, 1995)

The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, Sovereign of our Nation, You led our forefathers to declare in our Constitution that the function of government is to establish justice, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for our people. We are here in this Senate to preserve our people's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Today, we continue the discussion of the growing problem of violence and terrorism in our land that threatens these very blessings. The spirit of fear is rampant as a result of those who perpetrate acts of violence. Empower the Senators as they take incisive action to establish stronger laws to combat the illusive and dangerous forces of organized terrorism. Help them to strengthen the methods of investigation, apprehension, and punishment of those who willfully cause suffering through treasonous acts of terrorism against the Government.

Today, as we move forward to act decisively on this antiterrorism legislation, we all praise You that You do not allow the violent to triumph. In Your holy name. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

#### SCHEDULE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator DOLE, I wish to announce that the leader time has been reserved and the Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 735, the antiterrorism bill, and to tell all Senators, in accordance with the majority leader's request, that rollcall votes are anticipated today on or in relation to amendments to the antiterrorism bill.

### COMPREHENSIVE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the pending business. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 735) to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:  
Hatch amendment No. 1199, in the nature of a substitute.

Mr. SPECTER addressed the Chair.  
The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. I thank the distinguished President pro tempore.

Mr. President, I have sought recognition this morning to comment on the pending legislation, which is obviously a bill of tremendous importance in

light of the recent bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City on April 19 and before that the bombing of the World Trade Center some 2 years ago.

Terrorism has been an enormous problem internationally for decades, and now terrorism has struck on the shores and in the heartland of the United States. In considering legislation to deal with this very critical problem, Mr. President, we should ever be mindful that an appropriate balance has to be struck between public safety and the constitutional rights of the citizens under the Bill of Rights which has served our country so well since its adoption in 1791.

The pending legislation has appended to it the habeas corpus reform bill which has been introduced by the distinguished chairman of the committee, Senator HATCH, and myself under the caption of the Specter-Hatch bill, S. 623, and it is legislation which is long overdue to make the death penalty a meaningful deterrent.

Last year, with the passage of the crime bill, Federal legislation was enacted which provides for the death penalty for those responsible for the bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City. The addition to this legislation of habeas corpus reform is important because some cases have been pending for as long as 20 years. Such delays really makes a virtual nullity of the death penalty because, in order to be an effective deterrent, the punishment must be swift and the punishment must be certain. In most of the

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